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Baseball

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STATESBORO, Ga. - [Chase Dollander](#) made his Georgia Southern debut on Saturday afternoon inside J.I. Clements Stadium, tossing 5 2/3 innings of three-hit baseball. Dollander struck out eight Volunteer batters and allowed one run in a no decision.

[Noah Ledford](#) opened the scoring this afternoon, scoring after a wild pitch and a passed ball allowed him to advance around the bases. In the top of the third, Drew Gilbert homered to right field to tie the ballgame.

The Eagles regained the lead in the fourth, as [Jason Swan](#) doubled off the wall in left to score [JP Tighe](#). In the fifth, [Mason McWhorter](#) singled to center to score [Blake Evans](#) and add to the lead. [David Johnson](#) would take over in the sixth, working two innings and striking out four batters.

In the eighth, Jake Rucker singled up the middle with two outs to tie the ballgame at three. An inning later, Drew Gilbert hit a two-run home run to take the lead and, as he crossed home plate, words were exchanged between dugouts.

Georgia Southern will look to avoid the sweep on Sunday afternoon in the series finale.

SCORING MOMENTS

BOTTOM 2nd | GS 1 - TENN 0 | [Noah Ledford](#) scored on a passed ball

TOP 3rd | GS 1 - TENN 1 | Drew Gilbert homered to right field

BOTTOM 4th | GS 2 - TENN 1 | [Jason Swan](#) doubled to left field to score [JP Tighe](#)

BOTTOM 5th | GS 3 - TENN 1 | [Mason McWhorter](#) singled to center field to score [Blake Evans](#)

TOP 8th | GS 3 - TENN 3 | Jake Rucker singled up the middle to score two and tie the game

TOP 9th | GS 3 - TENN 5 | Drew Gilbert hit a two-run home run to take the lead

GAME NOTES

- [Chase Dollander](#) made his Georgia Southern debut on Saturday, working 5 2/3 innings with eight strikeouts
- The Eagles recorded 15 strikeouts on the day, adding to the 16 they had Friday night against No. 19 Tennessee
- Drew Gilbert homered twice in the ball game including a two-run homer that gave the Vols the lead in the ninth
- The Eagles only struck out four times on Saturday afternoon
- [Braden Hays](#) will make his 2021 debut on Sunday afternoon, facing off against Elijah Pleasants
- [Hayden Harris](#) was pegged with the loss, allowing the two-run home run to Drew Gilbert in the ninth

UP NEXT

The Eagles will wrap up the final of three games against No. 19 Tennessee on Sunday afternoon in Statesboro. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. from J.I. Clements Stadium.